

Hardship Graduation**HARDSHIP REQUESTS**

Students who experience extreme health or economic hardship may apply for assistance with graduation requirements for hardship reasons. In the case of extreme hardship, the District may provide alternative methods for the student to complete District graduation requirements which may allow for early graduation. Methods may include, but are not limited to, regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, online courses, performance-based opportunities, college programs, consideration of waiver of District requirements that exceed state minimums (the District cannot waive state minimums), or credit recovery.

GRADUATING EARLY (CREDIT-BASED)

Any student wishing to graduate early should consider the Early Graduation Program outline in Board Policy 08.113.

Students wishing to graduate early (before completing 4-years of high school) because they have completed all of the Allen County Board of Education graduation requirements outlined in Board Policy 08.113 may submit the request in writing to the Allen County Board of Education for consideration.

Before submitting the request, the student must obtain college and/or career readiness status as defined by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Allen County Board of Education. Additionally, the student must have completed at least two years of high school. Requests must be submitted by November 1st for students wishing to graduate at the end of the fall semester and by April 1st for students wishing to graduate at the end of the spring semester.

Once approved, the student may participate in senior class activities (i.e., Prom, Class Night, etc.) under the requirements and restrictions of all other students while still enrolled in Allen County Schools. Fall and spring semester students would be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year in which they graduated.

REFERENCE:

704 KAR 3:305

RELATED POLICY:

08.113